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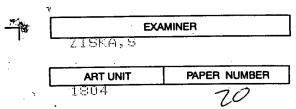
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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method of producing a glutamine independent myeloma cell line.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on applications filed in Great Britain on 1/23/86, with WIPO on 1/23/87, in the UK on 4/18/88 and with WIPO on 4/18/89. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of any of the above listed applications as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1800 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Group 1800 via the PTO FAX center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG (30 November 15, 1989). The CM1 Fax Center number is (703) 305-3014 or (703) 308-0294.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Suzanne Ziska, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703)308-1217. In the event the examiner is not available, the examiner's supervisor, Ms. Jacqueline Stone, may be contacted at phone number (703) 308-3153.

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